

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JOSEPH COLUMBIA,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.)
RICHARD RUSSELL, OFFICER)
WARREN, AND DEUEL STATE)
PRISON,)
Defendants.)
No. C 09-0119 TEH (PR)
ORDER OF TRANSFER

Plaintiff, a prisoner of the State of California currently incarcerated at Avenal State Prison in Avenal, California, has filed a pro se civil rights action regarding an accident he suffered and the subsequent medical care he received at Deuel Vocational Institution in Tracy, California. The events or omissions giving rise to the claims set forth here occurred in San Joaquin County, within the venue of the Eastern District of California. See 28 U.S.C. § 84(b). Venue therefore properly lies in that district. See id. § 1391(b).

When jurisdiction is not founded solely on diversity, venue is proper in the district in which (1) any defendant resides, if all of the defendants reside in the same state, (2) the district in which a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred, or a substantial part of property that is the subject of the action is situated, or (3) a judicial district in which any defendant may be found, if there is no district in which the action may otherwise be brought. 28 U.S.C. § 1331(b). Where a

1 case is filed in the wrong venue, the district court has the discretion either to dismiss the
2 case or transfer it to the proper federal court “in the interest of justice.” 28 U.S.C. §
3 1406(a). Venue may be raised by the court sua sponte where the defendant has not yet
4 filed a responsive pleading and the time for doing so has not run. Costlow v. Weeks,
5 790 F.2d 1486, 1488 (9th Cir. 1986).

6 Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that, in the interest of justice and pursuant to 28
7 U.S.C. § 1406(a), this action be TRANSFERRED to the United States District Court for
8 the Eastern District of California. The Clerk shall transfer this matter forthwith.
9 SO ORDERED.

10 DATED: 01/23/09


11 THELTON E. HENDERSON
12 United States District Judge